

A refresher course about the CFO by W9TO Jim Ricks, CFO # 1:

"The CFO was organized, sort of, in November, 1979, when Stan, W9WBL and his wife Doris, issued the first CFO fun certificates, following hi-tech talk and bad jokes about the many uses of chicken fat (encoded CF) - CFO really means CF Operators.

"Membership is by invitation or persuasion from two other CFO members, who attest that the candidate is able to copy at least 45 wpm, using ears and brain cells, and enjoys sociable QSOs. Many bug & keyer users may not keep up with the cw keyboards, but it's the message, not the medium.

"Sponsors should send Stan needed information: QSO name, full correct address, and anything of interest to others, such as favorite cw bands, age, occupation, etc. Future KEY CLUCKS will print that information, by way of introduction to all other members."

ABOUT THE KEY CLUCKS: Our bulletin, Key Clucks, was intended to be an occasional news letter. As members know very well, we do not have any kind of a publishing schedule, but we are trying to make it a quarterly thing... and ABOUT THE KEY CLUCKS FORMAT: We prefer the standard yellow sheets as typing it is easier for the chicken at the keys. We can get space for illuminations (for those of us who don't read but look at pictures), W9TO recalls an old Chinese proverb: ONE GOOFY CHICKEN IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. Pages are sequential, going in and coming out, printing & collating & stapling is easier and cheaper, and with our left margin, KEY CLUCKS may be punched and inserted into a binder, along with the rooster.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!



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GLUCK-IN REPORT - 1987

(THE CFO DOES IT AGAIN IN NASHVILLE!)

by Jim W9TO

A total of 48 CFO and devoted followers transformed the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville into a shimmering Taj Mahal chicken coop during the first weekend in May. Some arrived Thursday, more Friday & Saturday. The Saturday evening buffet-banquet was rated 1 kw by envious Nashville guitar pickers.



Per happy custom, Steve K4CJX presented award certificates to:

Sal N2CPM "How did you know I'm from the Bronx?"
Larry WA2CVV "You gotta prune your antenna"
and "Retired and on my way to work"

Mary WB2ZLC "XYL shopper award"
Bill N4HKS "Favorite guest award"

Wayne NZ4W "Nashville Navigator award"
Frank KBØPB "You can do it better on SSB"
and Nikki (xyl) "Official CFO elevator operator"

Ray WØGHX "Fastest straight key in Minnesota"
Doc KS5S "Had problems, but I did get here"

John WB9AOX "CFO's Hell's Angel"

Charles K4WK "Finally got to a Cluck-In!"

Bryan VE3PEV "Damn, it's hot down here"

The (almost-official) "WHAT YOU AGAIN" award went to DOC K2ONP ★ STEVE K4CJX ★ VERLE N4VB ★ CURLY W9KF for attendance beyond the CQ of duty. These hard-core chickens (almost) enjoyed EVERY CFO Cluck-In from the very first in Dayton, April - 1981....through to Nashville, 1987.



a little nostalgia...

As we think about awards, we recall our favorite from the 1985 Cluck-In...the BEER MAKES BETTER BODIES award, presented to Joe, KØBX

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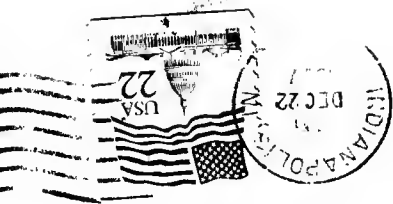
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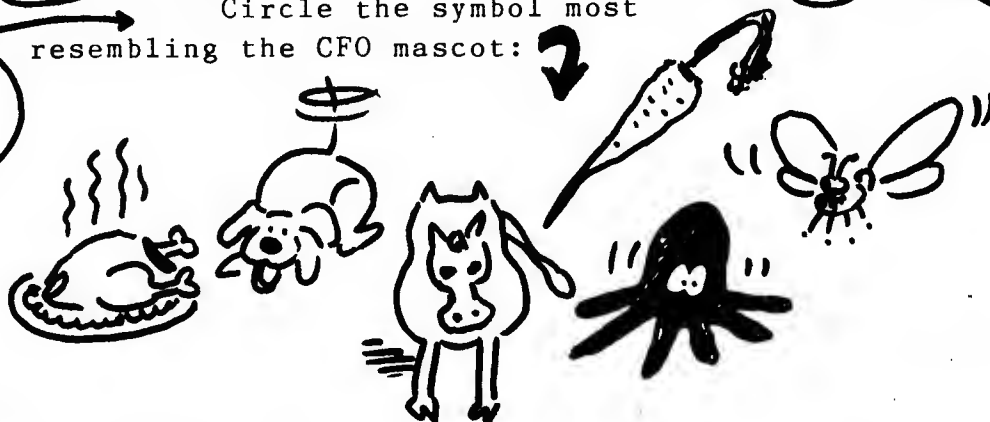


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CFO KEY CLUCKS - WINTER '87-88

Circle the symbol most
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TEST!



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Doris & Stan Hails W9WBL (address above)

Doris, tracer of lost chickens, continues to urge you
to let her know any changes of address, call, etc. to
keep the records straight!

NEWS FROM ALL OVER ABOUT ALMOST EVERYTHING (by Jim Ricks W9TO)

Much of this, edited for needed brevity comes from Wayne NZ4W. We do need news, dear reader; or as the DX collectors say, "Ya gotta have input to get output".... YOUR input will help KEY CLUCKS become more fascinating, and if all goes well, you may find your name and call in print, both spelled almost right. Now then:

★ Any CFO curious about astrology? Send your name, time and place of birth and other astro stuff to NORMA SCANLON, DLW of NB3X.... 366 Spruce ST., Emmaus PA, 18049

OM KBØPB and his DLW (dear little wife) Nikki celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Courtesy TWA, on their way to the Florida Keys, they got a bit high. A champagne party en route, at about 30,000 feet off the ground, Nikki was having too much fun to get completely scared.



Also, Frank, KBØPB, reports repair of telephone service thru efforts of fellow CFO, Ray, W2YS. With telephone line dead one morning (and no other phone available) Frank found Ray W2YS on 40 meter CW and explained the problem. Ray used his Long Island phone to contact the St. Louis (MO) trouble operator and spelled out Frank's name & address as it came over his loudspeaker from the KBØPB bug at St. Louis. Ray says the telephone operators were amazed to hear the CW tones which he was translating, letter by letter, at the same time. Frank's phone was back in service within 30 minutes. How about that for fast, no-charge service.

The membership of the CFO has now hit the 895 mark. A more recent arrival is "Dub" thornton, WA5YFY, an ex-telegrapher for the Rock Island Lines, and a retired correctional officer from the Oklahoma Federal Reformatory (Watch yourselves out there, chickens!) This info was reported in by Nick, W5UD.

● WELCOME ALL YOU NEWER CLUCKERS!

Dave, W8LNJ, a holder of a PhD in Education, recently moved to Plano, Texas, where he is teaching physics and applied fields at an all-girl school. This is reported in by gossip monger Art, W8FEC, who had this to say about that: "Whatta deal!" Art also reveals Dave recently attended a dinner reception wherein another guest asked Dave what it would take for a first-class computer lab...it turned out Dave gave H. Ross Perot the estimate!

● KEEP THE GOSSIP COMIN' IN!

OP NEWS

Fritz, W4LJH, suggests meeting places of .022 .033 & .066 on all bands for fast chicken hunting. Also, a scan of these magic numbers ON THE HALF HOUR may make connection fast & efficient. LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

MARKET MAVENS MAKE MYSTERY Q-SIGNALS (by W9TO)

* QRMS is the new name for a Remote Measurement System from Questar Corp.

* QSX is a new engine oil from Quaker State.

* QRS is still in business after 60 years or more, They make piano player rolls & related stuff.

TECHNICAL CORRESPONDENCE

The CFO Technical Foundation thanks you for several more, um, interesting questions. Here are some of almost general interest...and our answers:

Q. I bought a big GWIZ keyer, brand new, and first thing it sent my call wrong and made other mistakes. When I went faster, it got even worse. Would you have any suggestions?

A. Read the instruction manual again, but read it at about 10 wpm. The answer must be in there somewhere.

Q. I heard a ham talking about a sloop antenna. What is that?

A. A sloop is a sailboat, and that antenna is used for mobile marine radio.

Q. I read about many technical uses for CF in the Key Clucks for June, 1982, but my question did not appear. Can I oil my digital watch with CF?

A. A new battery and a dab of CF should get it running just fine.

Q. An ARRL fellow told me that you are joking about CF. What is the true meaning of CF?

A. Chicken Feathers.

WELL, THERE'S THE CFOTF IN ACTION AGAIN. CAREER SSB OPERATORS, PLEASE WRITE TO ANN BLUNDERS.

BAD JOKE DEPARTMENT:



When your mental buffer goes QRP during a QSO and QRU approaches, a joke may come in handy. CFO operators tell bad jokes; the good ones are found on SSB. These may be helpful:

Woman returns fly-swatter to K-Mart and says: "I tried it out, brand new, and it missed!"

Chicken's home recipe for a cold? (people soup!) Name a liquid that you use every day that won't freeze. (answer) Hot water (rate that one BJ9)

Dear customers, if you have any such truly bad jokes, please send them in one way or another to one of our editors. Most news is gone tomorrow, but a bad CFO joke lives forever. (W9TO)

more notes from Nashville....



We lost a true friend when we lost Bill, W40Q.
We met him at the Nashville Cluck-In in 1986.

Before the awards presentation at the 1987 Cluck-In banquet, Bert AK4G gave us some beautiful words about him. We all say "Amen", Margie.

To the astonishment and delight of all in attendance, a REAL LIVE CFO SUPERCHICKEN flew in from New Jersey..... This surprise came from Mary Scarpa, the chicken-person herself, helped and encouraged by Ree & Nikki. Clucks turned into non-chicken laughs. Thanks, you dear devout followers, for adding to the program!

And thanks to Judy (K8KEM) and Pat (W9TO) and others who provided last-minute award certificates and other emergency services.

We were pleased to meet Judy Bickham, who is now (since September) Mrs. George Wilner, or Mrs. Doc K2ONP. Doc will explain almost everything to you when he's not QRL, Judy. Our best wishes!

Nashville side-trips included Opryland, the annual crafts fair, unlicensed shopping, and a visit to the lofty coop of Steve K4CJX.

A S9 time was had by all.

QUOTES FROM THE PAST

And finally, from the very first Key Clucks:
"Are you tired of being a wall-flower? Are you sick of hearing about the ARRL, Wayne Green, the FCC, the FOC and DXCC? Do people tune up on YOUR QSO? Do you find it difficult to QSO on field day, sweepstakes, and other such events? Then stand up, get off your eggs, flap your wings and crow! Be recognized!" (W9TO)

We are happy to report that introduction still applies, as WØEG still makes our engraved call-name badges, bearing the CFO super-chicken. Send him your full mail QTH, your QSO name, and \$6.00 This badge, held up on a simple bracket also adds awesome dignity to your ham coop.

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